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1. Magdeburg (Y-60): According to figures available [redacted] the strength of the Magdeburg garrison as of 15 August 1947 was 39,000 men. In September 1947 the Artillery Barracks in Magdeburg were occupied by two artillery regiments; the Panzer Barracks were occupied by one tank regiment.
2. Stendal (Y-85): Between 15 and 23 October 1947 a new infantry division moved into Stendal and was temporarily accommodated in makeshift quarters in the town. This division, which is additional to the infantry division already stationed in Stendal, is envisaged for Demarcation Line duties. The strength of frontier troops was expected to be increased from the beginning of December 1947.
3. Kloster-Neuendorf (Y-54): Eight old model Josef Stalin tanks mounting 122 mm. guns were stationed here in November 1947 and were used exclusively for training purposes. Firing and driving training were carried out.
4. Delle (Y-63): A new infantry division arrived here in early October 1947. This division was a training cadre which had been transferred to Delle from the USSR. Personnel consisted of young recruits.
5. Salzwedel (Y-27): The Luftwaffe Barracks in Salzwedel were rendered largely unusable during the summer of 1947. Russian authorities are planning to hand over those buildings which are still standing to the Town Administration for the housing of refugees. No Soviet Army or Air Force units are using either these buildings or the airfield.
6. Apart from local SMA Komendatury, MVD frontier detachments and frontier posts, no troops were stationed in Kreis Salzwedel in November 1947. These frontier posts are manned by personnel of a field formation, but this unit is stationed either in Stendal or Gardelegen, and not in Kreis Salzwedel. The following were the only Russian components located in Salzwedel itself in November 1947:
  - a. Kreiskomendatura in the Gertrauden Strasse.
  - b. Soviet Hospital.
  - c. MVD unit headquarters at Bismarckstrasse 16. It is organized into two platoons, totalling approximately seventy men. Bismarckstrasse 16 also houses the local MVD prison. The two MVD platoons are billeted in a side street leading off the Bismarckstrasse.

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